

## Dear Bedford Resident:

Every year, the Town of Bedford strives to improve its waste disposal process. We have a long-standing relationship with our waste hauler, Republic Services. Our trash is sent to a waste to energy incinerator at Covanta in Haverhill to make electricity from the items we can no longer reduce, reuse, or recycle.

Our goal is to minimize our waste by diverting and recycling as much as possible. Bedford has a dual stream recycling system, meaning that the recycled paper is kept separate from the other recyclables. Recycled plastics, metals, and glass are also sold to be reused in manufacturing. As of this year, there are also special collections in various places for items that can be reused or need to be handled properly (see other side of flyer for specifics):

- ◆ Mercury items, including fluorescent light bulbs, can be left in the Department of Public Works foyer at 314 Great Road.
- ◆ Medical sharps, needles, and syringes can be disposed of in the Police Station foyer, 2 Mudge Way at any time.
- ◆ Unwanted prescription drugs can be dropped off in the Police Station foyer, 2 Mudge Way at any time.
- ◆ DPW Special Event Days occur in spring and fall, for the drop off of paper, scrap metal, electronic goods, and Styrofoam at 314 Great Road.
- ◆ Used printer cartridges can be brought to Bedford High School to benefit their fundraising efforts.
- ◆ Used batteries including rechargeables, button cell, and lead lined can be dropped off in the DPW foyer. (Normal batteries: AAA, AA, C, D, and 9-volt sized can be thrown in the trash safely.)
- ◆ Yard waste can be put out to the curb or brought to the landfill at 108 Carlisle Road at specific times.
- ◆ Christmas trees have a special pickup each January.
- ◆ Organic waste can be composted through the use of Earth Machine composters available for residential purchase at the Department of Public Works.
- ◆ White goods/appliances and bulky items get special pickup by Republic Services upon request.
- ◆ Used phones can be dropped off at the Police Station to benefit the victims of domestic violence.

*Bedford currently recycles 33% of its waste, a number which has gone up consistently due to new programs instituted each year.*

## Important Phone/Contact information:

For a missed trash or recycling pickup, call Republic Services at 1-800-442-9006, as soon as you are certain the pickup has been missed. For general information about the Town's trash and recycling programs call the Department of Public Works at 781-275-7605. For additional information on all of Bedford's solid waste and recycling programs visit the Town's web page at: <http://www.bedfordma.gov/refuse-and-recycling>

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# Bedford

Department of Public Works



Mercury drop-off center located at the  
Department of Public Works

## Recycling and Trash Guidelines for Residents

July 2014 - July 2015

IMPORTANT Information on Curbside collection of recycling, yard waste and trash as well as collection dates for household hazardous waste and other special collection programs.



# Bedford Trash Guidelines

## HOUSEHOLD TRASH INSTRUCTIONS:

- ◆ Refuse must be placed at curbside by 7 AM. Refuse is collected through the use of automated collection trucks and 48 gallon Town supplied refuse carts.
- ◆ The cart must be 3 feet away from any obstacles (trees, mailboxes, fences, other carts, recycling bins, etc.) The handles and wheels of the cart must face away from the street, and the cart lid must be closed.
- ◆ Excess refuse that does not fit in the cart with the lid closed must be placed in an official Bedford Overflow Bag. Bags are available for sale at Moison's Ace Hardware, Whole Foods, and Stop and Shop. Bags are sold in rolls of five for \$7.50.
- ◆ Residents may apply for the use of a second refuse cart at the Department of Public Works at 314 Great Road. The annual fee for a second cart is \$150 for the first year and \$100 yearly thereafter. The fee includes the rental of the cart and the collection and disposal of the additional refuse.
- ◆ **For a missed trash or recycling pickup**, please call customer service at Republic Services at 1-800-442-9006. If an ongoing problem occurs or you have questions, please call the Department of Public Works at 781 275 7605.

## MERCURY ITEMS:

- ◆ Fluorescent light bulbs of all kinds can be brought to the mercury collection area in the Department of Public Works foyer weekdays from 8 am - 4 pm (314 Great Road) free of charge.
- ◆ Thermometers, thermostats, barometers, and all other mercury items can be properly disposed of at the Department of Public Works at 314 Great Road. A bucket with a lid is located in the DPW foyer for those items containing liquid mercury.

## BULKY ITEMS:

- ◆ Includes couches, furniture, and other large items not covered under white goods or electronics.
- ◆ Call Republic Services at 1 (800) 442-9006 for curbside pickup of large bulky items. One bulky item is allowed per week, per household, and must be scheduled with a phone call.
- ◆ Residents should place bulky items out to the curb by 7 am but no more than 12 hours before pickup date.

## APPLIANCES/WHITE GOODS SPECIAL PICKUP:

- ◆ Includes washers/dryers, water heaters, microwaves, gas grills (no propane tanks), stoves, air conditioners, freezers refrigerators (**remove doors**), and dehumidifiers.
- ◆ Call Republic Services at 1(800) 442-9006 for free curbside pickup of large appliances. Two white goods are allowed per month, per household, and must be scheduled with a phone call.
- ◆ Residents should place appliance out to the curb by 7 am but no more than 12 hours before pickup date. Doors on freezers and refrigerators must be removed.

## COMPUTERS, TV'S, & ELECTRONICS

- ◆ Republic Services, free of charge, will take CRT computer monitors and televisions only at the curb side: call 1-800-442-9006 to arrange for pickup. Items must be at curb by 7 am, but no more than 12 hours before pickup. Up to two items per month will be picked up at each residence.
- ◆ All other electronics will be accepted at the DPW Special Event in the fall. (Not including CRTs or white goods listed below) More details at: <http://www.bedfordma.gov/refuse-and-recycling>

## CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS:

- ◆ Each household is allowed weekly one 35 gallon barrel or one single item (i.e. toilet, bathtub) of home owner-generated construction and demolition debris. For other construction and demolition debris, the Town suggests getting a reusable dumpster bag from a hardware store and calling Republic Services for pickup.

## SPECIAL SEASONAL DROP OFF EVENTS:

The DPW hosts two events each year, held at 314 Great Road. On September 27th, 2014, from 9am-12 noon residents are welcome to drop off electronic waste, Styrofoam, and paper for shredding. On May 30th, 2015, they are welcome to bring Styrofoam, scrap metal, and paper for shredding.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL (AND SAFETY TIPS);

- ◆ Bedford residents may drop off household hazardous waste up to 8 times a year at the Lexington Landfill Site, 60 Hartwell Avenue in Lexington. See Collection Calendar opposite side for dates, and go to

[www.bedfordma.gov/board-of-health/household-hazardous-waste](http://www.bedfordma.gov/board-of-health/household-hazardous-waste) for more information.

- ◆ **Paint:** Oil paint and stain should be brought to Household Hazardous Waste day. For latex paint disposal, visit the Hazardous Waste information page at above address
- ◆ Pre-registration with the Board of Health is necessary. Call 781 275 6507 for further information.

## MEDICAL SHARPS DISPOSAL / PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE-BACK:

At the Bedford Police Station, located at 2 Mudge Way, there are disposal units in the foyer for syringes (must be in a sharps disposal box) and unwanted prescription medications. The foyer is open for drop off 24 hours a day.



# Bedford Recycling Guidelines

“Recycle Every Week in Bedford”

## Why Recycle?

Recycling is important in Bedford because it saves energy, cuts down on pollutants, and creates jobs. In Bedford, the Town receives a credit for the paper that it collects, and it costs less to recycle than it does to dispose of trash.

## Important Recycling Instructions

- ◆ Each home should have a recycling bin.
- ◆ Recycling bins can be purchased at the Department of Public Works (314 Great Road.) for \$7.
- ◆ Commingled recyclables (plastic, glass, and metal) should be placed in the bottom of the bin, and any paper products or cardboard should be put in a paper bag that is placed on top of the other recyclables. Paper can also be placed in its own bin.
- ◆ Plastic barrels can be used as recycling bins if labeled with a recycling sticker (free at the DPW).

## Bedford Composting

In accordance with State regulations, leaves and yard waste are banned from disposal as refuse. On several Saturdays and Wednesdays residents are able to bring their yard waste to the seasonal storage facility at 108 Carlisle Road from 9am-12 noon. See the Collection Calendar on this page for specific dates.

## Special Event Days:

The Department of Public Works hosts Drop-off event days twice a year that are free for residents, sponsored by Republic Services. Paper shredding services and Styrofoam collection are available both events, while electronic waste is collected in the spring and scrap metal in the fall. Details about these collections are available at: [www.bedfordma.gov/refuse-and-recycling](http://www.bedfordma.gov/refuse-and-recycling)

## paper & cardboard:

Bedford operates a dual stream system: paper must be separated from plastic, metal and glass containers. Mixed paper in a paper bag can be placed on top of the recycling bin with your cans and bottles. Keep paper free of food and plastic wrapping. NO PLASTIC BAGS!



## what to recycle:

- ◆ Newspapers/inserts
- ◆ Magazines, phone books and catalogs
- ◆ Junk mail/office paper
- ◆ **CLEAN** pizza box cardboard only: no food stains
- ◆ Paper cartons- milk, juice, drink boxes
- ◆ Paperboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes)
- ◆ Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and cut or ripped to 36"x36" or less. Multiple pieces must be tied/bundles together, or placed under or between recycling bins
- ◆ No need to remove staples, envelope windows paper clips, metal spirals, or tape

## glass, metal & plastic containers:

Place rinsed containers loose in your grey bin, no plastic bags. OK to include plastic and metal caps and lids.



## recycle more containers:

- ◆ Residents can use any plastic barrel for recycling glass, metal, & plastic containers. Obtain a recycling sticker (314 Great Road front desk) to stick on barrel. Face sticker towards street.
- ◆ Glass food and beverage containers
- ◆ Deposit and non-deposit beverage cans
- ◆ Metal food cans, lids, and caps
- ◆ Aluminum pie plates and trays
- ◆ All 1-7 plastic containers only (look for symbol on bottom of containers)
- ◆ No Styrofoam trays or blocks. Consider saving them for our special collection day (see left)
- ◆ **NO PLASTIC BAGS!** Bring to grocery store.

## leaf & yard waste:

### Curbside or drop-off

Collected yard waste in Bedford is turned into compost that is used on Town projects. For four weeks in the fall, leaves are collected at the curb by Republic Services. On scheduled days in the spring and fall, yard waste can be dropped off at the Bedford seasonal storage facility, 108 Carlisle Road from 9am-12noon. See attached calendar for reference.

See shaded area in the recycling calendar for weeks when yard waste will be collected at the curb.

## what is yard waste?

- ◆ Leaves, grass clippings, dead flowering plants, pine needles, organic vegetation, brush 1" diameter or less.
- ◆ Place leaves and branches less than 1" in kraft paper bags or open barrels with no lids. Place separately from trash and recycling.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING:** Special curbside recycling collection on varied days of the first two full weeks of January 2015. Trees are picked up in a separate truck. Residents must remove all foreign objects (plastic bags, tinsel, ornaments, lights, etc.) Place tree curbside on Monday, separate from trash and recycling.

## how to prepare paper:

- ◆ Place mixed paper in brown paper bags on top of recycle bin with containers, or use recycling bin for paper only
- ◆ Shredded paper must be put in a paper bag and stapled closed. Put in recycle bin on top of containers

## no need to remove...

...staples, paper clips, metal spirals, or plastic windows on envelopes.

## how to prepare containers:

- ◆ RINSE CLEAN ALL CONTAINERS
- ◆ Collars, neck rings & labels ok
- ◆ Crush rinsed plastic and aseptic containers
- ◆ Remove all straws and dispose of separately
- ◆ **Rigid Plastics:** Certain items such as laundry baskets and children's outdoor toys are made from rigid plastics. These items should be cut into pieces 30" or less and placed in a bin or labeled barrel for recycling.

## do not include:

- ◆ Corks and broken glass
- ◆ Styrofoam packaging
- ◆ Aluminum foil, aerosol cans, coat hangers
- ◆ Plastic motor oil or chemical containers
- ◆ Ceramics, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, drinking glasses, and dirty flowerpots

## how to prepare yard waste:

- ◆ Place leaves in brown kraft paper leaf bags at the curb on Monday of each of the four leaf collection weeks indicated by the shading on the recycling calendar. The bags will be picked up at varying points during the week.

## Regulations State:

- ◆ No plastic bags
- ◆ No stumps or logs
- ◆ No rocks, stones, dirt or sand
- ◆ No construction waste
- ◆ No Brush larger than 1" in diameter

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